

(b) if so, the number thereof; post office-wise/sub post-office wise in each district; and

(c) if not, the details of the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Public telephone facility is available in some post offices in Jammu & Kashmir. The number of Public Call Offices post-office wise in each district is as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of District	Sub Post Office	Branch Post Office
1.	Anantnag	6	2
2.	Badgam	4	4
3.	Baramulla	6	1
4.	Doda	7	15
5.	Jammu	52	13
6.	Kargil	3	-
7.	Kathua	14	13
8.	Kupwara	2	-
9.	Leh	2	1
10.	Poonch	5	11
11.	Pulwama	5	8
12.	Rajouri	13	52
13.	Srinagar	17	-
14.	Udhampur	20	27

(c) Public telephone facility is provided in post offices by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited on case to case basis as per justification.

Expenditure on Advertisements by MTNL

2602. **SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the amount spent by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Delhi. on advertisement during 1999-2000 particularly, from 1st April to 31st December, 2000, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The amount spent by MTNL Delhi Unit and Corporate

Office on advertisement during the financial year 1999-2000 and from 1st April to 31st December, 2000 are given below:—

MTNL Delhi Unit

Language	During the financial year 1999-2000	From 1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000
English	2,18,69,321.00	1,52,23,771.00
Hindi	45,63,268.00	37,01,185.00
Bangla	10,000.00	5,000.00
Urdu	Nil	32,000.00
Punjabi	Nil	8,480.00
TOTAL:	2,64,42,589.00	1,89,70,436.00

MTNL Corporate Office, Delhi

English	4,06,28,339.00	2,68,86,188.00
Hindi	1,17,58,255.00	67,67,090.00
Urdu	6,33,416.00	1,66,975.00
Punjabi	55,978.00	1,12,840.00
Bangla	3,24,185.00	81,636.00
Marathi	15,01,573.00	10,57,067.00
Tamil	Nil	9,74,000.00
TOTAL:	5,49,01,746.00	3,60,45,796.00

Agreement with USA for the development of telecom sector

†2603. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement with USA for overall development of telecommunication sector last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sectors likely to be benefited immediately as a result of signing the said agreement; and

(d) the effect it will have on telecommunication sector?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.